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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including June 14, 2000 to respond to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2000. Our check in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is enclosed.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed

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herewith to our Deposit Account No. 4 - 1073, under Order No. M4065.0335/P335-A.

A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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